


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** February 4, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development  
**RE:** Friday Report   
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Monday</b> 2/7/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urban Fabric Subcommittee of Transportation Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m., Planning Conference Room (City Hall, basement level)</li><li>• Women's Enterprise Initiative Forum, 6:15 p.m., Newton Free Library</li><li>• Planning and Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 209</li><li>• Board of Aldermen, 7:45 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> 2/8/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joint Meeting of the Economic Development Commission and Long-Range Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Room 209</li><li>• Auburndale Historic District Commission - <b>cancelled</b></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> 2/9/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Housing Partnership, 7:45 a.m., Room 202</li><li>• Public Safety &amp; Transportation Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202</li><li>• Bike Newton Steering Committee, 7:00 p.m., Brigham House, 20 Hartford St., Newton Highlands</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> 2/10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Upper Falls Historic District, 7:30 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>

- **Urban Fabric Subcommittee of the Transportation Advisory Committee:** The Committee will meet on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Planning and Development Conference Room, Basement level of City Hall. **Contact Seth Zeren at 617-796-1145 or [szeren@newtonma.gov](mailto:szeren@newtonma.gov).**
- **Women's Enterprise Initiative Forum:** The Forum will be held on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Druker Auditorium, Newton Free Library; networking and refreshments begin at 6:15 p.m. and program to follow from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. Cindy Hale of OTW Advertising, Inc., will present her business plan for taking her established company to the next level. Jacqueline Cooke, Regional Administrator of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor, will be the moderator and panelists will be Elaine Crowley of The Crowley Group, Renate Rooney of RCR Associates, and Jean Sicurella from Sellmor Associates. All are welcome to attend this free, informative, networking event. **Register in our new format at [www.newtonma.gov/wei](http://www.newtonma.gov/wei). Contact Danielle Bailey at 617.796.1139 or [dbailey@newtonma.gov](mailto:dbailey@newtonma.gov) or Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or [astout@newtonma.gov](mailto:astout@newtonma.gov).**
- **Planning and Development Board:** The Board will meet Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The Board acting as the Community Development Board will consider the approval of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> minutes as well as the following recommendations from the Nonantum Advisory Committee concerning the transfer of CDBG Neighborhood Improvement funds: the transfer of \$7,496.20 from the Nonantum Traffic Improvements project and \$3,004.96 from the Nonantum Funding Pool to Nonantum Parks Improvements to help fund a new playground and half basketball court at Pellegrini Park; the transfer of \$7,995.04 from the Nonantum Funding Pool to Coletti-Magni Park Improvements to help fund two new flagpoles by the memorial area. Agenda items for the Board acting as the Community Development Board also include a discussion of National Community Development Week (April 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011) and an informational update on the City's contingency fund related to Newton's self-insurance policy. The Board acting as the Planning Board will discuss outreach for the public workshop for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment related to Mixed Use Development scheduled for February 24, 2011 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617.796.1125 or [kcahill@newtonma.gov](mailto:kcahill@newtonma.gov).**

- **Economic Development Commission and Long Range Planning Committee:** A joint meeting will occur on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The agenda includes an update on the City's participation in an Economic Development Self-Assessment and a report on a strategy for exploring a Business Improvement District (BID) in Newton Centre. Following the joint meeting, the EDC will hold its meeting. Its agenda includes introductions of new members Ron Lipoff, Joyce Moss, and Darryl Settles; remembrance of Jerry Adams; vote on minutes; status report on working group; EDC annual report, nomination of officers. **Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or [astout@newtonma.gov](mailto:astout@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The Partnership will meet on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. in Room 202. On the agenda this month includes brief updates on Chestnut Hill Square, Austin Street parking lot reuse, 61 Pearl Street and 112-116 Dedham Street project proposals, HAPI mixed-use zoning reform proposals, the status of the Mixed-Use Task Force amendment and happenings of the Fair Housing Committee. The Partnership will also consider approval of the January meeting minutes and review the draft *FY12 Newton Annual Action Plan*. The nominating subcommittee will submit its nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and recommendation of new members and staff will provide a report on the current status of appointments. The Partnership will also consider alternative meeting times. **Contact Robert Muollo, Jr. at 617-796-1146 or [rmuollo@newtonma.gov](mailto:rmuollo@newtonma.gov).**
- **Bike Newton Steering Committee:** The Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Brigham House located at 20 Hartford Street, Newton Highlands. **Contact Lois Levin at [bikenewton@gmail.com](mailto:bikenewton@gmail.com) or 617.283.5077.**
- **Public Safety and Transportation Committee:** The Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 202. A detailed agenda can be found at [www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm). **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. The following request will be considered: **254-256 Elliot Street** request to construct rear fire-escape stair; other business includes approval of minutes from January 2011. **Contact Katy Holmes at 617.796-1142 or [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@newtonma.gov).**
- **Community Preservation Committee (CPC):** The CPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street in Newtonville. The agenda includes a public hearing and working session/potential funding vote on the new **City Historic Buildings Survey** proposal. Comments will be accepted at the hearing and in advance by email or mail until 9:00 a.m. on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The agenda also includes updates and requests for funded projects at **Angino Farm** (barn) and the **Jackson Homestead/Newton History Museum** (exterior preservation). From [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa), click on 'Committees & Meetings' for full agendas, and on 'Proposals & Projects' for full proposals. **Contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).**
- **Middlesex Conservation District Spring Tree, Shrub and Perennial Sale:** The Sale will be held on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 4H Fairgrounds, 51 South Chelmsford Road, Westford, MA. All items can be pre-ordered through March 31<sup>st</sup> and picked up on the Sale days. Early ordering is encouraged, as all items are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To place an order, download an order form from our website at [www.middlesexconservation.org](http://www.middlesexconservation.org) or call 978-692-9395 to request a brochure. The Middlesex Conservation District is a not-for-profit environmental agency whose purpose is conservation of natural resources in Middlesex County. **Contact Frances Gillespie, Plant Sale Coordinator at 978.692.9395.**
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The February meeting of the Auburndale Historic District Commission has been **cancelled**. The next scheduled meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> with an application filing **deadline of February 18<sup>th</sup>**. **Contact Brian Lever at 617-796-1129 or [blever@newtonma.gov](mailto:blever@newtonma.gov).**